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Chat with the Chair

May 2015 - Special Edition

Dear Friends,

In this special edition of my e-newsletter, I shine a spotlight on agriculture and supporting healthy communities. I am particularly proud of my proposed S.E.E.D. Project, which seeks to eliminate food deserts in Milwaukee County. Yesterday, the program passed the Milwaukee County Board's Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee and is on its way for a vote before the full Board next week Thursday, May 21.

Milwaukee County currently offers the opportunity to rent your own garden plot. This can be a great opportunity for people living in urban landscapes to grow nutritious foods and engage in recreational activity.

Additionally, I want to highlight the City of Milwaukee's compost bin and rain barrel sale. These items can really help to reduce waste for the environment and for your wallet.

Lastly, don't forget to stop by the Bay View Annual Bloom and Groom, and the Bay View Annual Plant Sale, where you can pick up some great plants for spring gardening.

Further details on all of this and more can be found below in this special e-news edition!

Sincerely,

Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman
Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, 4th District

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Milwaukee County News Updates

Finance Committee Approves S.E.E.D.



The Milwaukee County Finance Committee yesterday approved the S.E.E.D. Project or Sowing, Empowering and Eliminating Deserts of Food. The project has three main focuses: creating a mobile farmer's market for designated food deserts, expanding community gardening and food production, and promoting food preparation and preservation. Milwaukee County would partner with community organizations such as the Hunger Task Force, Growing Power and the UW-Extension to help execute the plan.

The project includes planting 4,000 urban fruit trees and designating 20 acres of land that people could use for growing food. The mobile market will work to sell food from Milwaukee County's community gardens and will target areas that are designated food deserts.

The Hunger Task Force has created an interactive map to identify food deserts and show the areas where the mobile market would serve: [VIEW THE SITE MAP](#)

The goal is to ensure access to healthy foods and remove barriers to creating sustainable communities.

Marina was joined at the Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee by Sherrie Tussler (right) of the Hunger Task Force, and Dennis Lukaszewski (left) and Eloisa Gomez (second left) of the UW-Extension to speak on the S.E.E.D. Project.



Rent Your Own Garden Plot Today

Milwaukee County and the University of Wisconsin - Extension offers you the opportunity to rent your own garden plot. Most plots are annual rentals available for the summer season from about May 25 to the third Sunday in October. The plots are tilled and stacked by staff from the Cooperative Extension Urban Agriculture Program.

To learn more or to rent a plot visit: milwaukee.uwex.edu

OR

Call 414-256-4606 for garden rental assistance



Milwaukee County News Updates

GO Pass Community Locations

The Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) announced alternative community locations to complete the **GO Pass application** process and to receive the pass.

On their designated dates, each community location will be handing out GO Passes to eligible seniors and persons with disabilities from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The calendar of locations and times is listed below.

May				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Wilson Park
4 Washington Park	5	6 Lapham Park	7	8 Fernwood Court
11 Warnimont-Kelly Center	12	13 Lakeside Senior Enrichment Center	14	15 Indian Council of the Elderly
18 Rose Park Senior Center	19	20 West Allis Senior Center	21	22 OASIS
25	26	27 Grobschmidt/South Milwaukee Senior Center	28	29 Beulah Brinton

June				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 United Community Center	2	3 Bethesda Community Center	4	5 St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall
8 Wauwatosa Senior Center	9	10 Shorewood Community Center	11	12 Lois and Tom Dolan Community Center
15 Elks Lodge	16	17 McGovern Senior Center	18	19
22	23	24	25	26 Franklin City Hall Community Room
29	30			

Marina in Our Community



Marina (right) with Alderman Terry Witkowski (left) attend the Promise Gala in support of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW).



Marina, along with her colleagues from the city, county and state at the 129th Commemoration of the Bay View Tragedy, where they stood up for working families.



Marina and Supervisors Khalif Rainey (left), Supreme Moore Omokunde (second left) and Jason Haas (second right) took a tour of Growing Power's facilities, where they learned about agriculture and urban farming.



Marina (right) and Will Allen (left), Founder and CEO of Growing Power, Inc., at one of Growing Power's greenhouses.

Save the Date



Historic Milwaukee Spaces & Traces: LBWN

Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year, Spaces & Traces will feature the Layton Boulevard West neighborhoods. The event will feature tours of different locations including former Mayor Norquist's home, three Frank Lloyd Wright System Built houses, the School Sisters of St. Francis motherhouse and St. Joseph Chapel, Burnham Park Pavilion, the Silver City Townhomes and the Urban Ecology Center.

For more information or to register for the event visit: historicmilwaukee.org



Compost Bin & Rain Barrel Truckload Sale

Saturday, May 16, 2015

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For one day only, the City of Milwaukee will host a compost bin and rain barrel sale. Composting and rainwater harvesting are great ways to promote healthy lawn and garden, reduce waste and pollution and save landfill space as well as money.

For more information visit: city.milwaukee.gov/news



Donation Blitz In Bay View

Sunday, May 17, 2015

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Bay View Blitz is an opportunity for ReStore volunteers and employees to come directly to the neighborhood and collect donations. They will work with home owner's associations and individuals to coordinate pick-ups right from your home.

For more information or to register for pick up visit:

Habitat for Humanity ReStore



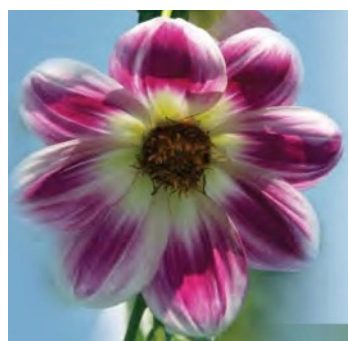
4th Annual Bloom & Groom

Saturday, May 30 at 9 a.m.

Beulah Brinton Historical House (2590 S. Superior St.)

The Bay View Neighborhood Association invites you to the 4th annual Bloom & Groom Plant Sale. There will be special neighborhood pricing on annuals and perennials.

For more information visit: www.bayviewneighborhood.org



11th Annual Bay View Plant Sale

Saturday, May 30 at 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

South Shore Park (2900 South Shore Dr.)

The Bay View Garden and Yard Society hosts the Spring Plant Sale. The sale features a variety of local plant vendors and boasts an impressive assortment of quality plants.

The event will take place rain or shine!



Save the Date



Southgate Neighborhood Association Meeting

Wednesday, May 20 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Health and Sciences Building Room 2 at St. Luke's Hospital (2901 W. KK River Parkway)

Come to the Southgate Neighborhood Association meeting. There will be a meet and greet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Meeting features: Captain Peter Pierce of the Truancy Abatement Squad, Acting Principal Fritz Blandon of Pulaski High School and Police Officer Carlos Felix of District 6.



Bay View Gallery Night

Friday, June 5 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Times Vary - Check Listings: <http://www.bvgn.org/>

Celebrate local art, business and music with over 40 businesses and hundreds of artists!



Artists Working In Education (A.W.E.)

Truck Studio at Burnham Park (35th & Burnham)

June 29th - July 3, July 6 - July 10

Monday - Friday, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

A.W.E. offers FREE drop in art programs for kids ages 4 to 14. For more information visit: <http://awe-inc.org/>



Family Yoga In The Park

Humboldt Park Pavilion

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

June 24 - July 29

Space is limited - Each class is only \$10 per family
For questions or registration contact Julie Zettel at 414-486-0302 or email yogainthepark2015@yahoo.com



Save the Date

CHILL ON THE HILL: 2015 Line Up

Tuesdays, June - August, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Humboldt Park



June 2
The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra

June 9
Opener: Bay View Middle/High School Drum Line
The Delta Routine: A blend of old-fashioned rock 'n roll with the rootsy sounds of Americana music

June 16: LADIES NIGHT
Opener: Chrissy Dzioba
Anna Fermin: A blending of folk, country, and rock pedigrees with a bit of pop music love

June 23: GREEN NIGHT
Opener: Daley Debs Baton and Drum Corp
Extra Crispy Brass Band: An authentic New Orleans style brass band

June 30
American Legion Band: Milwaukee's favorite traditional concert band

July 7: MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION NIGHT
Opener: Ladies Rock
Painted Caves: Middle Eastern influenced psychedelic grooves meet California surf rock

July 14
Urban Empress & The Urbanites: A rootsy vibe of reggae, ska, dub, hip-hop, and neo-soul music

July 21
Opener: Grasping at Straws
The Vitrolum Republic: Classically infused folk music

July 28
Opener: Antler House
Space Raft: Pop psyche rock 'n roll inspired by science fiction
Midwest Death Rattle: Exciting indie rock that exists to devour all things milquetoast and corrupt

August 4: KIDS AND FAMILY NIGHT
Opener: Humboldt Park Drum Line
Rust Belt Rejects: A mix of genres that create a modern distinct fluid sound
Generation Z: This band's energy and charisma will have you out on the floor dancing all night!

August 11: CORN ROAST NIGHT
Opener: Kinsella Irish Dancers
The Carpet Baggers: An exciting variety of classic and contemporary songs to capture the soul
Doghouse Flowers: Vintage honky-tonk and rock that will stay in your heart and mind for days

August 18
Opener: The Hullmen
Chief: Energetic, up-tempo rock 'n roll with attitude
The Size 5's: Bay View based punk rock band

August 25
Opener: New Harmony Indiana
Greatest Lakes: An indie rock band capturing a spacier, modern version of west coast folk rock
Ladders: A classic rock band infused with spectral, wandering songwriting

September 1
Opener: Stephanie Erin Brill
Living Statues: A melding of pop sensibilities with explosive, edgy garage rock textures
Dead Horses: An acoustic band with a cultivated folk sensibility and heartfelt soul

